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Engel shows a miniature book with a permanent cover to adhere to magnetically attractive surfaces. Lackey, Melcher, Farrell and two Japanese patents show waterproof books. Farrell and a Japanese patent also show books that float.

Miniature books with accordion folds and magnetic covers are seen in products sold by Todors and others.

None of the above references, however, show miniature books with accordion folds and magnetic covers that have waterproof and tear-proof paper, or that float, as recited in independent claim 1, and hence its dependent claims 2-15.

This unique combination of features makes a novel item that can withstand rigorous usage, that can be used in and around water both indoors and outdoors.

Very respectfully,

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